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Agenda

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Place: One Ashburton Place, 21st floor, room 3
Boston, MA

- I. Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting February 20, 2008
- II. Executive Director's Report
- III. Items for Discussion
 - A. Update on Claims Data Submissions
Suanne Singer, Maine Health Information Center
 - B. Council policy on developing and publishing performance measurement benchmarks
 - C. Review and Approval of the Council's Recommendations to the Legislature under MGL c.6A, §16L(a) (*vote)

The council shall develop and coordinate the implementation of health care quality improvement goals that are intended to lower or contain the growth in health care costs while improving the quality of care, including reductions in racial and ethnic health disparities. For each such goal, the council shall identify the steps needed to achieve the goal; estimate the cost of implementation; project the anticipated short-term or long-term financial savings achievable to the health care industry and the commonwealth, and estimate the expected improvements in the health status of health care consumers in the commonwealth.
 - D. Review and Approval of the Structure and Format of the Council's Annual Report to the Legislature (*vote)

c.6A, §16L(k): The council shall review and file a report, not less than annually, with the joint committee on health care financing and the clerks of the house and senate on its progress in achieving the goals of improving quality and containing or reducing health care costs. Reports of the council shall be made available electronically through an internet site.
 - E. Proposal for Process for Posting Cost and Quality Data – short-term and long-term (*vote)
 - F. Discussion of Council Priorities
 - G. Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Cost Containment